## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

Spain Visiting Teacher Program(SCSVTP) – A collaborative program established in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the South Carolina Department of Education and the Ministry of Education and Culture of Spain. This program offers the opportunity to recruit highly qualified teachers of Spanish and English for Speakers of Other Language (ESOL), Math, Science and to provide students, parents, and educators the opportunity to work with professionals from another country.

## Program Objectives:

- to provide an opportunity for students to learn foreign languages from native speakers,
- to increase global awareness of students taught by trained teachers from Spain, and
- to increase the understanding of language, history, and culture of Spanish speaking countries
- to introduce teachers with a different culture background into the faculty and community.

Program Participants: The South Carolina Visiting Teacher Program is open to all school districts for all school levels (Elementary, Middle, and High).

The Process: All candidates from Spain are completely proficient in English and are teachers with the required credentials. The selection process begins in Spain when the Spanish Ministry of Education selects possible candidates and continues when representatives from the South Carolina Department of Education and school districts travel to Madrid, Spain, to conduct extensive interviews in English.

Teachers make a one to three year commitment to teach in South Carolina. The teachers will be considered employees of the district and work as regular members of their respective school faculties. They are paid in accordance with their experience and certification level.

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